

**KHPA Board Retreat**  
**January 22-23, 2007**  
**Eldridge Hotel, Lawrence KS**

The second strategic planning retreat for the KHPA Board builds from the initial 2006 retreat, which outlined four planning domains for the Board: (1) Access to care; (2) Quality and efficiency; (3) Affordability; and (4) Wellness. The 2006 retreat was facilitated by faculty and staff from the Wichita State Self-Help Network; Dr. Greg Meissen and Kevin Bomhoff, who will also facilitate the 2007 retreat.

**Recommendations from the 2006 retreat accomplished:**

- Detailed analysis of state Medicaid reforms and trends in order to develop a set of possible recommendations for Medicaid reform to be implemented in Kansas.
  - Dr. Barb Langner made a series of presentations to the Board on various state Medicaid reforms; additional Medicaid presentations provided by Andy Allison, Becky Ross, and Scott Brunner.
  - Created a Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) Interagency Planning Group to consider new flexibilities for developing a Medicaid Reform plan for Kansas.
  - Conducted our first policy planning meeting for hospitals who receive Disproportionate Share for Hospitals (DSH) in order to ensure that the State formula that provides DSH funding is equitable to hospitals who serve Medicaid and uninsured patients.
  - Collaborated with the Kansas Hospital Association and the Health Care Assessment Panel to ensure the Provider Assessment approved from CMS last year is considered a top priority in any reforms to the Kansas Medicaid Program.
- Support increased funding for safety net clinics.
  - Increase in funding (\$1 million) for safety net clinics last legislative session.
- Develop data systems and analytic resources.
  - Proposal adopted by Board and forwarded to Governor and legislature for FY 2008 Budget Enhancement (\$600,000 SGF; \$2 million All Funds)
- Create a data consortium.
  - Proposal adopted by Board; ready for implementation during 2006.
- Provide a comprehensive unbiased baseline analysis of the current state of health care and wellness.
  - Draft indicators selected in collaboration with KDHE, KDoA, SRS that will be used to measure and track trends in health and health care.
- Conduct townhall meetings.
  - Kansas City; Wichita; Hays; Pittsburg; Garden City
  - Made numerous presentations to – and had numerous discussions with – multiple Kansas stakeholders including physicians, hospitals, nurses, public health professionals, mental health advocates, etc. regarding health policy initiatives;
- Direct the establishment of a MOU for certain administration functions.

- Hire legal counsel to establish a governance structure for the KHPA.
  - Hired Phil Elwood from Goodell Stratton Law Firm.

**Recommendations from 2006 for follow-up consideration:**

- Reviewing the Insurance Commissioner's effort to create a reinsurance pool for possible endorsement by the KHPA Board.
- Promote or expand the Business Health Policy Committee small-business pilot program, designed for implementation in Sedgwick County.
- Promote policies that will decrease the rate of smoking among Kansans.
- Create awards for smoke-free cities across Kansas.
- Work in cooperation with the KDHE to initiate healthkansas.com toolkit for schools, workplace, and insurance pools.

**KHPA Accomplishments since July 2006:**

- Reorganized to reflect an increased focus on financial and budget responsibility and sustainability, promoting Scott Brunner to the new Chief Financial Officer.
- Developed a new website, which is updated daily, to better inform consumers, providers, and purchasers about our programs and policies. This website includes detailed information about the Health Policy Authority Board's progress, including a summary of three recent townhall meetings we conducted across the State.
- Developed a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) audit and deferral workplan in close collaboration with the Governor's office, our partner Executive Agencies, and the CMS Regional Office in order to resolve outstanding administrative and payment issues; Dr. Barb Langner will be the Project Manager.
- Hired a new general counsel, Marta Linenberger, and a new Director for the State Employees Health Benefits (SEHBP) program, L.J. Frederickson.
- Analyzed health promotion and disease prevention data from the SEHBP plan and met with leaders from other States in order to begin planning for our shift in focus from health care services to improved health status in Kansas.
- Developed a weekly employee newsletter to better communicate with and engage our employees, began quarterly "townhall meetings" with employees, and will be conducted a survey this week to ensure that we are creating a productive and rewarding work environment.
- Signed new contracts for Medicaid managed care with two contractors, which will save the State between \$10 and \$15 million annually – this will be described in more detail in Dr. Nielsen's testimony.

**Draft Agenda Topics for 2007 Retreat:**

- **Strategic Planning:** Building from the recently approved Vision Principles and draft health indicators, the Board will develop specific goals and strategies that align with our mission as mandated by the legislature.
- **Determine Coordinated Health Policy Agenda:** In collaboration with our Ex-officio Board members and Cabinet officers, develop joint budget and policy

planning which will help to ensure a coordinated health agenda for FY 2008. This will include setting priorities across agencies that impact health and align with the KHPA vision principles and strategic plan.

- **Review Legislative Agenda:** Discuss 2007 legislative session, review materials for legislators. Consider extending an invitation to the Governor and key legislators.
- **Engage Guest Speaker:** Invitation to be extended to Dr. James Mongan, CEO of Partners HealthCare, the largest private employer in Massachusetts and the parent organization of Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Mongan played a significant role in the Massachusetts state health reform initiative and is a highly sought out speaker on the topic.
- **Additional retreat topics:**